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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please note and consider the claims in the application as identified below, with currently amended claims comprising markings in the form of strikethrough for deletions and underlining for additions.

1. (currently amended) A method for raising funds for a charitable cause comprising the steps of:

identifying a charitable cause in need of funding; (Page 2, lines 31-32)

obtaining one or more sponsors to fund the charitable cause through paying for a plurality of flags prior to their display, with at least a portion of the funds being donated to the charitable cause:

transforming a selected location by erecting the plurality of flags at the selected location to comprise a healing field that is, at least in part, expressive of the charitable cause;

linking a display of the healing field to the charitable cause in need of funding by carrying out a public awareness campaign designed to educate others about the charitable cause and its relation to the healing field;

displaying the healing field as part of the public awareness campaign, the plurality of flags being positioned in a predetermined pattern;

selling at least some of the plurality of flags that are displayed in the healing field to raise additional funds for the charitable cause in need of funding; and

removing the plurality of flags after a predetermined display period to eliminate the healing field from the location.

- 2. (previously presented) A method as in claim 1, wherein the step of providing a plurality of flags to comprise a healing field further comprises the step of identifying a historical event to be symbolized by the plurality of flags.
- 3. (canceled)

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- 4. (previously presented) A method as in claim 1, wherein the predetermined pattern is a geometric pattern.
- 5. (previously presented) A method as in claim 1, wherein the predetermined pattern is a linear array placed along an area selected from the group consisting of a path, a body of water, a river, a building, a structure, a road, a highway, a trail, a hill, a mountain, and a military base.
- 6. (previously presented) A method as in claim 1, further comprising the step of incorporating information within the predetermined pattern.
- 7. (previously presented) A method as in claim 1, further comprising the step of incorporating a graphic message within the predetermined pattern.
- 8. (previously presented) A method as in claim 1, wherein the step of linking a display of the healing field to the charitable cause further comprises the step of advertising a purpose for the plurality of flags and the healing field, wherein the purpose links the plurality of flags and the healing field to the charitable cause.
- 9. (previously presented) A method as in claim 8, wherein the step of advertising the purpose for the plurality of flags and the healing field further comprises the step of advertising through a medium selected from the group consisting of radio stations, television stations, newspapers, magazines, and internet sites.
- 10. (canceled)
- 11. (currently amended) A method as in claim 1, wherein obtaining one or more sponsors further comprises obtaining one or more sponsors, wherein each sponsor is the one or more sponsors comprises a person that pays to sponsor one or more flags in

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the plurality of flags.

12. (currently amended) A method as in claim 1, wherein <u>obtaining one or more</u>

sponsors further comprises obtaining one or more sponsors, wherein each sponsor is

the one or more sponsors comprises an organization that pays to sponsor one or more

flags in the plurality of flags.

13. (previously presented) A method as in claim 1, wherein the step of selling the

plurality of flags further comprises the step of selling the plurality of flags through an

auction.

14. (original) A method as in claim 13, wherein the auction is an internet auction.

15. (previously presented) A method as in claim 1, wherein the step of selling the

plurality of flags further comprises the step of selling the plurality of flags through an

advertising campaign.

16. (previously presented) A method as in claim 1, wherein the step of selling the

plurality of flags further comprises the step of placing advertisements near the healing

field.

17. (previously presented) A method as in claim 1, wherein the step of selling the

plurality of flags further comprises the step of advertising through a medium selected

from the group consisting of radio stations, television stations, newspapers, magazines,

and internet sites.

18. (original) A method as in claim 17, wherein the step of advertising through the

medium of magazines further comprises the step of advertising through magazines that

are substantially specific to a purpose for the healing field.

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19. (canceled)

20. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising repeating the

steps of identifying a charitable cause, providing a plurality of flags, linking a display

of the healing field, displaying the healing field, coordinating the viewing of the healing

field, selling the plurality of flags, and removing the plurality of flags, for a different

charitable cause at a different location.

21. (previously presented) A method for raising funds for a charitable cause

comprising the steps of:

identifying a charitable cause in need of funding;

obtaining one or more sponsors to fund the charitable cause by paying for a

plurality of flags prior to their display;

providing the plurality of flags to comprise a healing field that is, at least in part,

expressive of the charitable cause;

linking a display of the healing field to the charitable cause in need of funding by

carrying out a public awareness campaign designed to educate others;

displaying the healing field as part of the public awareness campaign, the plurality

of flags being positioned in a predetermined pattern, the plurality of flags temporarily

occupying a location not dedicated to providing a permanent display of the flags;

selling at least some of the plurality of flags that are displayed in the healing field

and donating at least a portion of proceeds to the charitable cause in need of funding;

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removing the plurality of flags to eliminate the healing field from the location.

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